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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tilo CHRIST et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

METHOD AND MEDICAL SYSTEM
FOR POSTDISCHARGE SURVEIL-
LANCE OF A PATIENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (amended) The method for the postdischarge
surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the
relevant data are recorded by means of a questionnaire (6).

Amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (amended) The method for the postdischarge
surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the
relevant data comprise a description of the general condition
of the patient (1).

Amend claim 6 as follows:

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- 6. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the relevant data are transmitted at least indirectly to the data bank (13) by a telephone (20), a computer (19) which can be connected to the Internet or a fax machine (7).

Amend claim 7 as follows:

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- 7. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the data bank (13) can be interrogated via the Internet.

Amend claim 8 as follows:

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- 8. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the data bank (13) automatically informs the patient (1) and/or at least one other person (4) if the relevant data are not received.

Amend claim 9 as follows:

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- 9. (amended) The method for the postdischarge surveillance of a patient as claimed in claim 1, in which the relevant data are evaluated, in particular automatically, by an evaluation device (14) assigned to the data bank (13).

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The